All things are washed till they come ou

I loved, in the long, long time ago, To catch in my cup the rain's overflow— Rain in the spring that poured from the

It was kind of the rain to give me a drink

I drank up my cup, and I laughed to see

How all things else were drinking with

me-To the jonguil whose urn was overfilled,

Nor was it alone my cup and the fewere

Of his own small house—and sang ever-

more, Had a tinkling and bubbling trill that ran

Till it reached the brim-then all over

And they that were sobbing are laughing

The spring of the year is at full, is at

Resign our birthright, lower self-respect, Let all our thoughts in gutt'rale be ge-

Prepare our necks to wear the vassal's

But if we hold by trusting children's weal

A Spring Song.

From Judge.

It's not the kind you think it is, Although it's by a Bird.
I call him just a "Damibrush."
A name you've never heard.

He's only a small speckled thing Whose piping is most shrill. He comes each mora near five A. M. Close to my window still.

I cannot sleep, I cannot rest.
I rise He feed, And then
No sooner am I back in ted
Then he tunes up again!

And there he calls and sells and squalls And chuckles and makes gav. While I inside, am cursing him And wisning him away.

The Wood Thrush is his legal name.

But since I've heard him yell
I move we dub him "The Damthrush."
"Your vote?"
"Aye, aye."
"Tis well?"
Tupos Janus.

My City.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

From the St. Louis Past-Dispatch.
O city of pain, you are wandrous at dawn
When the mists from your towers arise.
When the fames that the East from your
Melt the stars in your world weary skies.
The thunder of trade swelling through your
Steep garges.
The din of your golden reined chartothers
Is a panal of dollars and sirms and forges
Figling its charm to a million ears.

O city of toll, you are surging at noon.
With the greed and the glare of a
beast.
Sweating your heart to the piper, time,
Goeging your soul at the rival feast.
While your ticker and board are selling

Crawned with the soulight of God!

Then let us make obelsance unto God

spreched.

chain.

EDITE M. THOMAS.

Memories, too, from some farthest year

leaves.

spilledi

# Heavy Burdens Bravely Borne by the Mothers of the Soldiers

## Tragedies of Many Kinds Reported by D. Thomas Curtin From War Torn Lands in Europe.

n a Balkan peasant hut while busily

"Of all the mothers I have seen lection. England, remains as vividly with me tusiness she did in days of peace and

ousin. Alas, our poor Kaiser!' "There are unnumbered thousands of varying viewpoints about the war personal to those who have suffered and been afflicted in it. This guileless woman—reared on the historic soil of the Hohenzollerns, seeing the station at Wildpark cleared for his Majesty and the drill of the Prussian

Guards beyond the trees-has one of "'And to think that America, too, does not behave in a neutral manner, but makes ammunition for our enemies. But thank God that she may the writing of complaining letalso cannot make war upon us!"

"'Wilson and his kind are afraid about her in the cellar of their home. There are too many Germans in Amer-

"She was reciting one of the common own danger; she thought nothing of it. German Government. While I was put under preventive arrest. safe from the German Zeppelins. The fect of a few non-German sentiments their love of country, and sad indeed

'The deluge followed. Her whole frame shook. 'I had two sons,' she began, and then broke down. Both of against everything English that his giving his reminiscences of with her task, calm, resolute, uncom- them I learned between her sobs had mother occasionally remonstrated. The been killed within a few weeks in the battle of the Somme.

"My war logic could not stand before her tears and the 'explanations' I forced to omit war talk, geography had in mind never left my lips. She and history from topics of conversadramatic examples of mothers' suf-fering and endurance. Somehow that mother sorrowing over the loss of two exait Kaiser and army above home. lads reared to manhood only to be mother and freedom. The war has human resolution of which the world has no lack to-day. But there were life, with nothing to do but stand beside her post cards and wonder how one cousin could be so unkind to anexamine the ways of Providence for other.

"It is a long way from Sans Souci "The anxiety of the mother saving For justice is our morale and our might."

There is a well shaded path at to the Bulgarian-Serbian frontier. her young in the war zone is of quite And Hell shall have no compromise with Potsdam that winds down from Sans After having been with the Austrian a different nature. When the Russians Souci, the simple and charming old army against the Serbs I felt a curifell back through Sadagora there were palace of Frederick the Great, to the ous thrill after a circuitous Balkan still a few civilians in the houses huge and gorgeous residence of Will- journey when the wheezing train along the Pruth. Shells had begun to make—that all leaders throw aside iam II. To the left is an old wind- pulled up at the first Serbian station drop into these when a mother came

"A battered and tattered collection in which sat a couple of bables, while old woman stands by her postcard col- of soldiers filed into the carriages behind it two other youngsters, hardly while their women folk bade them more than babies, lent their "I was strolling along this path goodby. under circumstances of stress and "I was strolling along this path goodby. The last to enter were a strength. She managed to get to the tragedy perhaps the calm example of one hot morning in the third summer father and son, whose story I learned road, then recalled something she had the English mother, a stewardess on a of the war and paused to chat with later. The boy limped a little, for forgotten and rushed back into the boat running from Holland to her a while. I remembered the brisk his wounded foot was not entirely house. A whistle in the air, followed remains as vividly with me tusiness she did in days of peace and healed. The mother's eyes told plainly by a loud bang, and I turned to see She was the only woman commented on the change to the the agony of her struggle to stiffe her a column of black smoke and earth any. She was the only would be present solitude. She deplored the feelings, and bravely she waved a rise where the children had been. The

strong, resolute face impressed me, lack of visitors and then turned to last farewell as the train pulled out. last thing I saw as we passed over and I asked some of the sailors about politics.

"Thousands of war faces are en- the hill was the mother groping on They had never heard her com- "Such a terrible war," she sighed. graved vividly on my memory, and her hands and knees on the blackened

Pepper Surveys His Work.

kyind. What put that in yo' haid?"

"Nothin' p'tic'iar," was the reply,

be sich a dreen onto it much longer."

"I reckon vo' all better set 'em up

older than her husband in her life of mountain toil. Hard work had stiff ened her frame and deeply scarred her face. She stood rooted to the spot, her eyes staring at a fading carriage window until it curved gently and was gone. Then the agony of her eyes increased till they melted in a torrent of tears and scalded the deep furrows of her face. The man and boy were merely going back to fight the Kaiser's war machine, but the poor old mother had to totter back to her mountain home and to wait and eat

eaves, out her heart. "How strange to find the Serbs with human feelings! One might never have suspected it after a sojourn in A tinkling splash in a small tin cup Austria-Hungary!

"The German mother above all oth thought must be for the State, and for that State as conceived by the ruling clique. Grumbling in the food lines even may lead to prison. Se ters. A German family resident in Sweden was in correspondence with a The That were so everfilled in those sweet at two moist hours; en she But my ear had token (I never would fell) woman resident in Prussia. mother of this family had lost two ica. Wilson would be afraid of civil sons in the war already when she war.' aboard one of the small Holland boats, beliefs in Germany at the time, con-and she had made many trips back and tinuing with other Government tagged the German peoples!' That bitter be taught what war really means to hazard of torpedoes all about. Noth- wholly miserable to see how the Ger- which would have been passed by ing of these realities had daunted her. man people were fettered by the any country but Germany. When this which would have been passed by-in possible idea chain to the woman returned to Prussia she was

"English women, even those who have married Germans, seldom lose I know of one case in the fatherland where such a son, a mere cadet at flery youth told her in front of his German father that never in that house was she to say one word in defence of England. The father supported the son, and the mother was

"Thousands of war faces are en- the hill was the mother groping on

### POEMS WORTH READING. Why Pip Counting Systems Fail A Cupful of Rais. Now all things that be are renewed by the And they that were sobbing will soon to Win Games at Auction Bridge

Solvers Found a Second Method to Work Out Bridge Problem No. 478 Which the Composer Had Overlooked.

Bridge problem No. 478 had an obvious solution and another one that was so far from obvious that the composer did not see it. Those who got the composer's solution only gave the best defence for the A and B hands, but they did not examine the defence that would be made against a different opening.

This seems to confirm the contention of those who are strongly in favor of crediting duals to those who find them. Some solvers do not pay any attention Some solvers do not pay any attention to the defence except to make it meet their views of the attack. They devots their entire energies to one line of play without examining the possibilities of defending another line, which looks like

oad generalship. Those who studied the A and B hands in this problem as carefully as they did the hands of Y and Z set the composer back two points in the race, as well as is the distribution:

My heart (was it faint?) is revived with If faith in God, if all that man has Then let us to the Hun obeisance make And all we hold as good forthwith forsake:

And horror at a slave's repression feel, And know the "super" breed an ego fraud, We'll purge the bloody outlaw of his hates,

trumps Z leads his two high spades, and the best discard from A is hearts. V also discards hearts. Now the jack of diamonds is covered by the king, and after Y makes two diamond tricks he gives A one but trumps the ace of hearts.

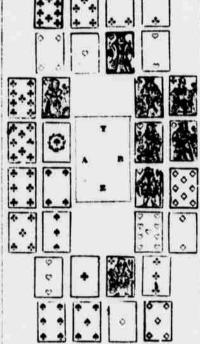
The less obvious solution is J or small diamond. Y winning whatever A plays. Y then gives A the heart trick at once. and it is obvious that Y and Z make the rest of the tricks, as Y can trump the spades and Z can trump the hearts, while Z can easily get in to lead another dia-mond through A.

The composer of No. 478 has the sat-

isfaction of setting back no less than eleven of the leaders by two points by practically three variations, the spade opening, the high diamond or the small one, those who got only the spade open-ing get only one point. Those who got the diamond openings get three. This

the damond openings get three. This brings the list of the leaders to date with 48 each to their credit.

These are: Alene, N. W. Beddall, B. D. Blair, Aitch Dee and W. P. Edwards. Following them are Heavy Andrews. W. P. W., with 46. Then O. H. Boston, C. F. Johnson and D. A. W., with 45. It being about time to give the cracks



There are no trumps and Z is in the rad. Y and Z want seven tricks against

there is no apparent advantage for eitner

The distribution is: Black men on and 13; king on 27. White men on Here are the moves that solve

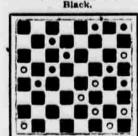
Black. White. 19-16 22-18 18-14 24-24 2-18

checker players that has been adopted for the card problems and to give credit to those who discover duals or detect fairs solutions.

This should stimulate the competition

in careful analysis and would give many of the plodders a chance to catch up with their more brilliant rivals in the race. Here, for instance, is a position which may be a dual, or may even be unsound, but the composer of No. 475 thinks it may give some of the cracks. thinks it may give some of the cracks a chance to pull some of the others

PROBLEM NO. 480. CHECKERS.
By H. D. Lyman.
Black.



White to play and draw A file of ten recruits were drilling

SCHOOL FOR CARD PLAYERS.

Auction Bridge. S. V. P. says: four clubs to the king, with queen and one spade. Using the Whitehouse (?) scheme of bidding, Z must have two aces, or ace and king of spades, or one ace, king of spades and two queens. The question is: Should Y bid no trump or two clubs or pass? With an honor as good as the queen

Clubs are trumps and Z is in the lead.
Y and Z want eight tricks.
The composer's solution is for Z to lead the spade, which Y trumps with the nine of clubs. Y then leads the queen of trumps and follows with the four, putting Z in, while A discards a small heart.
Upon winning the second round of trumps Z leads his two high spades, and a risky no trumper or retreat to a minor knew how the system was put together. suit? The hand is exactly average and They watched for the number of pips

> no score on the rubber game there is no if a king in another suit was led, played justification for the dealer's bid of one or marked, 10 points were accounted for, heart on the following cards: Six if this player had passed without a bid heart on the following cards: Six hearts to the K Q J, four spades to the Q J 9, three clubs to the 10 9 and one small diamond. H bets the bid is sound.
>
> Any hand that is good for four tricks left anywhere in his hand. The ace king by a major suit, with five cards of that in a major suit, with five cards of that suit, is a good free bid, so B is right.

Whether it was dropped by the desier or by A we are not sure. On the 14th THE Sun said that if the desier got the last card the deal was presumably correct,

sgreed to call it correct, so that the card on the floor is part of A's hand, and if

It being about time to give the craces a chance to part company in the race here is a position that will require a fittle study. Four tricks are in plain sight and two more look easy; but we light and two more look easy; but we light and two clubs to the A J 10, and the ace of spades, on which he bids two clubs, is left with it and makes two odd. His partner bets it was a bad bid, as they could have set the no trumper for two tricks.

Would they have set the no trumper 76 55

Would they have set the no trumper The fourth only lead that sceme to have a chance to save the game. If the partner has any honor in clubs it sets the suit. Z deatt, but necessary to hand counts 11. The his and the spade are should bring it in, came up to Lenz, fourth hand, who zail The fourth hand is always justified in two spades. asking for a lead if any honor from his are and then a small heart. B trumpepartner will save the game, in case the dealer returns to his no trumper. the second round and led the king of spades, which Z won and led another heart, which E trumped. The queen of

Poker. P. G. says: Playing table trumps dropped the jack from Z. Now Z has played cards with a total stakes, each player starting with \$20, pip value of 9, and all the unplayed A loses steadily and has to buy four jacks are in the dummy. It is there-A loses steadily and has to buy four times, so that he has invested \$100. When his luck turns he gets back the entire \$100, but keeps putting chips in monds, or he would have held 11 points his pocket or cashes them. A bets that and a bid. With this information it is all he has bought must remain on the a simple matter for B to finesse against table, therefore all he has won must remain there also.

In table stakes, while it may be agreed that each player shall start by buring a certain amount of caps, no match; player is obliged to leave them all on the table, even for the first deal. Each player's stake is the amount on the table, and he is the sole judge of what that amount shall be at any stage of the same. Good players believe in having as much on the table as any other player so as to be able to take advantage of an opportunity to the fullest extent, but there is no rule about the amount that a player shall expose to the risk of loss.

C. M. A. mys. Page 133, Bule 6, C M. A. mys. Page 183. Bule 6. Impossible to save the game against the impossible to save the game against the handleap of the arbitrary pipe-counting system employed by the dealer and his partner. Cannot find any such rule on page 183 of the Dick & Pitzgerald Hoyic.
Rule 6 on that page reads: "If all pass
up to the player who broke the pot the
latter takes the pool, and can only be tatter takes the pool, and can only be the king.

Inter takes the pool, and can only be the king.

Refere leading the third round of the count of th necessary to break the pot."

I. T. says: We understand that it is eny player is helped to the draw. Is this the general usage? For convenience and to save time this

rule is disregarded. Its object was to allow the dealer to gather all the deadwood at once, so as to be sure no player passed any part of his discard to a con-

Weak Spot in Beecher Plan Shown in Test Match Played by Experts at the Knickerbocker Whist Club.

By R. F. FOSTER.

A number of letters have been re-ceived commenting upon the various pip-counting systems described in The Sux three weeks ago and asking for further illustrations of their application to ac-tual play. Among the writers are one or were found by the cracks that played against it.
One of the great weaknesses of any

pip-counting system is in fixing a pre-cise limit upon the value of so many hands. This places the player at a great disadvantage when the figure is just short of the bidding point.

For example: If a person who is using a system that requires 8 or 11 of 21 or any other figure for a bid passes without a bid he cannot have held the number of pips required for a bid by his system. This must hold true, because none of these systems is of any value unless it is followed rigidly, without any regard to personal judgment, the score, the calibre of the opponents or anything of that sort.

Now let us suppose that during the play of the hand it is disclosed that this person who has passed without a bid must have held cards that counted within one or two points of the number the system requires, 7, 10 or 20, as the case may be. It should be obvious that he cannot have another card of any plocounting value in his hand or he would not have passed.

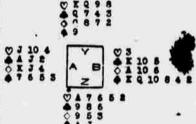
Beecher System's Wenk Spot. This is the weak snot in the armos If aces were worth 4, kings 3, queens 2 and jacks 1, the moment an ace king suit was shown in the pip counting play-C. D. L. says: A bets that if there is er's hand 7 points were accounted for

The pip counter will not bid upon : uit, is a good free bid, so B is right.

Built of five to the are king, because it counts only 7, yet such a combination is

J. F. B. says: A is found to be a card good for four tricks, or more than his share of the thirteen to be played for, as he has made a bid it is clear that he has at least an ace value still up his sleeve. If a player bids on tricks, it is impossible to tell whether he has nothing but the ace king suit or has several other high cards in other suits.

That this weak spot in the Beecher system is not imaginary can readily be shown by examples from actual play. In one of the set matches to test out the Stuart at the Knickerbocker Whist Club he has revoked through not holding it he and I made careful notes of the play in must pay. following was the distribution:



fore impossible for Z to have either of the unplayed queens in clubs or disboth the queens that are marked in Y's

Precise Information Given.

This hand was well played, but it to

bearts to clear the suit Z thought it visable to show his reentry, so he led the king of spades, little thinking that the was giving his adversary the precise information that enabled him to win the

Won Game and Rubber.

The lead marks Z as having held originally one are and two kings, 10 points. It is therefore immediately apparent to B that Z cannot have held anything else as good as a jack or is would have had 11 points and a bid. If this is the case, the jack of clubs must be with Y and the finesse of the ten wins the game and rubber. Therefore dummy keeps all three clubs.

All that B had to do, therefore, after winning the third round of hearts with the queen, was to run down four dia-toonds and make his four clubs to get three by cards. But instead of starting with the diamonds B led two of his y diamonds, keeping one club in dumm. Baker, who held Z's cards, tried to brow B off the track by discarding the ow spade and then throwing away a perfectly good heart, instead of the other losing spade, as if he had something worth keeping in clubs. This did not deter Il from the finesse of the club ten, however, as he relied on the sys-tem, not on the discards, for his infor-

HE story of the war could be story. It was difficult for me to get told as the endurance of her to talk. mother love. For the last been in the British merchant service "She told me that her husband had years, from the Black Sea to Gal- and that after going with a transpor the mothers have borne, mostly to the Dardanelles he had returned out complaint, the anguish of their and died at their home in Hull. She to the Dardanelles he had returned personal sorrow and the heavy yoke of had six children. When Hull was a world's grief. Mothers are the same raided and bombed by the Germans the world over. It makes no difference she had gathered her children all ther the mother rocked her baby So far as she knew they were all alive, ica. To make a living after her husband's war.' plying her loom or whether she re-ceives her child into her arms from the hands of a nurse amid marble and death she had gone as a stewardess stry. As she grows old a mother's es rest in her son. The cause for war on the threshold of life must into one that has touched her heart. She was not anxious to talk of her strongest prose of mothers' suffering in this She was thinking of her children in filled with resentment against the sysis only transferred to the Hull and wondering whether they were tem and was preparing to try the efnext it will have been in vain." D. Thomas Curtin, an American corZeppelins have taken the lives of so she covered her eyes and brushed is the lot of those obliged to see their sepondent who was in Germany for many civilians in Hull that there is away a tear. Then I asked if she had sons grow up in German uniforms. Northcliffe publications after the no doubt Hull is the most anti-German anybody in the war. war began and has since been in city in England to-day. But this

sleven campaigns in seven different countries, made these observations ing the Huns. She was all taken up cenes and incidents that show what plaining. In a way her work was one the mothers of the world have had to of common routine, and yet I think weer, Mr. Curtin is the author of "The that she exemplified the best spirit of and of Deepening Shadow." He saw the soldier in civilian clothes. -Hungary quietly mobilizing in July, 1914. From his experience in ny, England, France, Belgium. Sermany, England, France, Bellium. Serbia, Russia and Italy he had a word to say of significance for the mothers

"The growing American army and cipation in the battle in France cans that our mothers will have the agony of staying at home and waiting. only relief that is truly lasting is to find work of a kind that will back up the men at the front. The worst liding any woman can do now is to sit others have a logical demand to clitics to prepare and support an mill, with a legend woven about of Pirot. army big enough for victory within Frederick, and not far from this an

seived a great white light.

the two who went away.

to appear coincidental, for the

Shock Troops Attack.

somewhat after the following fashion:

her. They had never heard her com"Such a terrible war, she sighed, graved vividly on my memory, and her had plain. They knew nothing of her 'And it seems in a way to be more hers is one of these. She had grown earth." Thirsty Men in Relays Puzzled Greenlaw

By DAVID A. CURTIS.
No the course of the years during Plot Against the Arkansas City Poker ordinarily have been had ever fallen Players Succeeded Only Too Well. many men passed in and out dustrious. They were enthusiastic cessors, and for the next two days of a change in the order of things.

Other Dramatte Examples.

"I have happened upon many more

many incidents of touching sadness

and tragedy, such as lead one to

the hidden meaning.

Arkansas City. apparently determined to test their with them every time they ordered a pany his face fell.

There was a faint gleam of interest If they preferred poker to po- been thought that they feared that whiskey down the outside of his in Mr. Blaisdell's eye at the mention If on the other hand they were themselves and were bent on making which was abhorrent to him, by the Mr. Bassed resentful of the surroundings in which they found himself for the waste of good liquor, to me seems dentity indifferent and bibulously inclined he was content, for the most they possibly could of an thought that it was paid for anyhow. man will often sit in at a game opportunity that might not recur. Be As for his friends they were actu- heard it, but he leaned against the after he has imbibed freely, of which that as it may they undoubtedly ated by no considerations of prudence bar with the others expectantly. were he cold sober. So on the whole more of the old man's stock in trade concerned them not. Rejoicing in the old man found things fairly sat- than any two other outsiders had ever their opportunity they made the most factory and, as was said, he pros- done in the same interval of time. they could out of it, so that when For it was only an interval. On the these last two strangers departed to a day in at the game in Arkansas City whistle proclaimed her arrival the two them and he by no means so well again, and not seeing how he could took their departure from the saloon balanced as he was wont to be. well do so against the wishes of the with obvious regret. It might have old man and his four consrceners, been thought by one who should have to have been mentioned elsewhere, been regarding them closely that they he had consulted with Mr. Owen Pep- were sufficiently under the influence but the plan that had been acreed per and the runt. It was not possible of what they had had to disregard all upon by the one eyed man, the runt ald man Greenlaw to know at the other considerations and tarry longer and Mr. Owen Pepper at the confertime what these three discussed, or for additional induigence, but the one ence hereinbefore referred to had Pepper and he reached for his bungvas decided on, so that the who had done the paying for them success through the initiatory stage, spoke again, referred to seemed more both shook his head in negation of an success through the initiatory stage, spoke again, affairt got no time to wait," by that was decided on, so that the who had done the paying for them been carried out with precision and starter, but on the moment the runt strange to him when they happened imploring glance from the other, after It remained for the latter part of the han they did later on when he per- examining the remains of his wad, plot to develop.

### Old Man Is Apprehensive.

It would be idle to expect the reader evidently arrived on the boat that man. First two strangers entered the sa- to believe that after such experiences took the others away, and the old loon almost immediately after the as these the old man and his friends man's heart leaped for joy. He knew landing of the river packet at Arkan- were entirely free from the effects that Mr. Pepper was at no time an the as these the old man and his friends man's heart leaped for joy. He knew 'commodated," he said, albeit with City, and remained there contin- raturally to be expected from having extravagant buyer and he remem- play 'm." encountered these three relays of bered the runt as one who had been until the arrival of another cket two days later. While there strangers. It is not claimed for them there before and who preferred the spoke and stepped toward the door in-company with the old man mere human being could have en- light of drinking. and his friends that when they left oured so great a strain for so long "Is they been a whiskey famine up different, but Mr. Pearsall stood me he premises they were considerably a time without at least feeling it. It is therefore necessary to admit Pepper. ntoxicated, although the old man and de- that they were no longer entirely "Oh, I don't know," said Mr. Pep- notice of the proceedings. is friends were painfully sober the fact that they had drunk sober. On the other hand, they were per. "I ain't heer'd o' nothin' o' the fair. They were also gloomy because not entirely drunk.

The old man himself was perhaps of the refusal of the visitors to play ter, even after they had become the least affected one among them, "on'y they's been some in hyar fo' a but he realized the condition of his few days what b'haved like somebody Next, two other strangers arrived associates sufficiently well to look with else 'd drinked up all they was b'tween on the boat which took these two aprehension on the possibility of their liyar an' St. Louis. Yo' all is just They likewise went directly to being compelled to drink any more come in time fo' to sell me a couple be old man's saloon taking with without a period of rest intervening. o' bar'is mo'. them an apparently unquenchable For the first time in his business ca- "My stock is runnin' low an' I thirst, and bought, and bought, and reer therefore he failed to experience sin't never watered by stock so fur, ught continuously and rapidly, in- any satisfaction at the sight of two even if the river is handy by. Mought ling the entire company in each more strangers making their way from have to do it though if they was to round until the arrival of the next the boat landing toward his saloon.

"If them two," he said, "is gwine ng played any poker. In consequence to be anythin' like them others, 'pears likely what they'll be hell to pay old man began to be annoyed, igh he and the four who remained long. Somepin is sho got to be did." afo' that's did," said the runt. I for a match while eating the end he him were still sober, which was But he said it to himself, well know ain't much gave to drinkin' my own-had bitten off. Before he found the with him were still sober, which was thin were still sober, which was ing that none of the others would look self, but when I do I don't want no match he began to snore, still Mr. Pepper waited

third boat mentioned, on which the L for they also went directly to man Greenlaw's saloon and set who was the most abstemious one with the unprotesting beneficiaries of one eyed man without batting an eye. up. - Moreover they continued to among them as a general rule, seemed his hospitality, and proceeded to start bet em up as if their need was great, exhibarated by the probability that the next number on the programme It can be said of all these various

Pace Is Accelerated. pany carefully as if trying to gauge him inquiringly. Being by this time fairly started their condition. Judging from his exprought two more who also seemed to toward a thoroughly enjoyable condi- pression it might have been thought per. "I reckon they is a game on, ffering for the want of a stimu- tion they would certainly not object that he found it fairly satisfactory, such as 'tis." to going further. Even Jim Blaisfell, for he smiled pleasantly as he drank

> way they had gone for a week. man. They did so go on, only that the pace was greatly accelerated. The hyar sinc't the night I was playin'

on the old man's ear, and even under ened up as if welcoming the thought they whooped it up with such fervor but as he too looked around in ap-And they were not only capable but that the old man instead of drinking praisal of the condition of the com-

they had insufficient time to enjoy neck instead of the inside, consolirs of a poker game, but Mr. Winterbottion. Mr. Pearsail had apparently not

### Blaisdell le Undannted.

"I reckon yo' all better lay over fo' Following a conference of three, second day after they arrived an- take the next boat that came along gretfully. "The boys is done had onhowever, strange things ensued. The other boat came along down the river the company they left was composed sidable of a strain onto 'em recent. when they've done rested up some."

Malignant hatred shone in the glance that the Ald man shot at Mr.

and silently led the way for the other It did. Soon after the last two If I can't git no game hyar I knows strangers mentioned had gone away other places." Mr. Pepper and the runt sauntered up

"I reckon the (hic) gent c'n be (hic

that they were superhuman, and no pleasure of playing poker to the de-, of the back room. Mr. Winterbottom followed, though he still seemed inthe river recent?" he asked of Mr. tionless. His head was bowed upon the bar. Evidently he was taking no

### One Eyed Man Polled.

The runt waited until the old man That river of life rushed on to Picardy; with an air of desperation gathered up cards and chips and came out Vinasis Jurian Meran. from behind the bar. Then the two went into the back room and the Dove of Peace came timidly back bome, fluttering warily up to her perch a

per doubtfully, and waited. Presently the old man came out and taking a cigar from his pocket took his favorite chair by the window and put his feet on the sill. Then he bi

The Dove of Peace looked at the

She was a wise old bird.

"Foiled!" hissed the one eyed man

The River's Busy Day. From the Atlanta Constitution one eyed man, itching for desperate and made a landing at Arkansas City, of five fuddled men, the old man bean'they don't pear to banker after the first tender of any of no game to-night. It'll be different with troubles of the measures day.

"Oh, I don't know," said Mr. Pepper encouragingly. "I reckon a few But, brethren, I'm no resting place! The cost had been very considerable. playin' when they's a outsider wants but the plan that had been agreed to set in."

The cost had been very considerable. playin' when they's a outsider wants and other my fish are billing free. Efficient dehermen for me.

From the Boston Transcript.
"Take up the fragments, let there be no worste."
Thus Jesus spake when thousands had been fed en ted 151:17 "An' I ain't comin' back. "What needless thrift" they marveiled, but retraced steps at his behest, made eager Thele old man's door, they having Blaisdell rose to the occasion like Yet nurmured, "Provident to leave and spread, wild orbature, hird or beast, might taste."

some difficulty. "We uns 'll (hle) The Master had some higher use for them. He saves, and keeps, and cares for thits He grabbed Mr. Bassett's arm as he He sorts and tests what perty sonts can-He sucake, and lot a feart is laid for And faratons cast off pintons into mings.

### "The Americans Went Singing." From the Philadelphia Public Lefore'

The wheat is ripe and harvest's here We didn't think 'twould come to many times the crop's been killed. We thought it would be burn. exhausted by a long flight. "Oh, I don't know," sail Mr. Pep-

Still Mr. Pepper waited and after He spoke in an offhand manner, and little the one eyed man came cauwhile speaking he surveyed the com- tiously into the saloon and looked at when rural France has sheathed he sword "Oh, I don't know," said Mr. Pep- and in the rust and dust of death

The one eyed man went to the dothings would go on a while longer in he had arranged with the one eyed of the back room and looked in. The ount greeted him silently with a baf-"I ain't had no chanst o' gittin' back fed look. The other three did not se him, their eyes being closed.

The winter from it in the ground, The wind blew it away. The late spring set it back two weeks, it didn't sprout till May. In March the green bags are it up.
It was no good we learned.
In April, weather wasn't fo'
in May the whole crop burned. The first of June it got hailed out, Was worthless as a fakir.
The last of June they threshed it And got twenty to the acre.

Has sown new fields of grat Of her devoted sons The fleur-de-ils shall rise to cloak The ravage of the guns. Where sleep beside their bayonets The Allies' dauntless dead

"No Wheat."

There will the popples every year Their scarlet spiender spread. But from the mouldering Huns will sprin No fair and fragrant petals But crops of stinging nettles.

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strangers who came and drank and sent away as described that they two who now arrived showed them- poker in yo' back room," he said. selves to be men of even greater abil- "How if we was to have a other actand he went away from there. these two seemed more than in- ity than any of their immediate prede- tin'?" His plan had been too successful.